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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action, dated May 30, 2008, for the above-referenced application. Applicants submit herewith a Corrected Form 1449, which was originally filed December 17, 2007. The publication date has been added for the "Search Report". Applicants note that the Search Report is not a Prior Art reference, but is the communication in which some of the references were cited by a foreign patent office, and is provided for the Examiner's information.

Applicants also submit herewith a copy of reference JP 2000-170523, which was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement on April 19, 2006. Since the reference was cited in the international stage, Applicants believe a copy is of record. Nonetheless, the further copy is provided as requested.

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